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Minutes

Montford Middle School/School Advisory Council

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Office Conference Room / 6: 00 pm-7:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda and the October 2017 minutes. The motion carried to a second without objections.

Principal 's Updates

News:

- Mr. Blessing announced that the Calendar option 1 was approved.
- The proposed testing calendar has the shortest testing window in a long time. We have eight laptop carts to use, which means we can test one full grade level at a time. Testing groups will be alternating between the morning and afternoon sessions so each group tests at different times each day. For the high school credit classes, the EOCs are a little later since teachers have already planned their pacing for the year.
- NO PLACE FOR HATE: Ms. Shultz applied and we will be nationally recognized. This means we will be adding additional activities for the following school year. One issue in particular we have not addressed will be suicide prevention. We plan to talk about suicide in a preventive manner next year. There will also be mental health training in classes. We have not determined how this will look, but possibly once a 9-weeks we use a special bell schedule (5th period) to do this. We are still looking at the plans and the program we will adopt. We have a mental health counselor on campus who is already working with students. She is here full time and her name is Ms. April Fitzpatrick.
- We have had some special recognitions on campus: Minority Educator of the Year: Ms. Cassandra Martin who is a 6th grade science teacher and distinctive daughters club sponsor, and Support Staff: Nancy Sauls who is in charge of mentoring program and works in media center
- We have started work on the sound system in cafeteria. So far we have worked on the wireless microphones and getting the microphone jacks fit. There is a plan to update the system and speakers.
- A+ Allocation voted on before December 1, 2017 and bonuses were given in January.
- Curriculum Fair was a great success. It is a lot of preparation and set up that the teachers take on but it helps us keep our best and brightest. We are at capacity this year and anticipate that for next year and hope that curriculum fair will help keep us full.

Upcoming Events:

- Aladdin starts week of March 5th and we will have over 1000 ppl see the production between all the performances
- DC Trip week after Spring Break
- Black History assembly 2/16
- Art Day 2/19: local artists and a nationally known sculptor to display some of his sculptures
- Girls soccer game and cheerleading showcase tonight at Chiles

Mid-Year Status Report- Dr. Thomas

- We are not required to do one but with performance matters/unify we can easily pull data and look at the progress of our students. The program will show Montford students as compared to other students in the district. We are still striving to improve the scores, but we are on track and where we need to be.

DAC Update

A representative was not able to attend. The talked about legislation and calendar, and the minutes will be out in about a month.

PTSO Update

There was no representative present and minutes were not provided. They did just do a hoodie fundraiser, and we are waiting on delivery. So far, patrons have raised around \$11,500.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

At the next meeting, we need to look at officers for the following year

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.